

EVIDENCE IN HALL-MILLS MURDER STOLEN FROM LATE OFFICIAL'S HOME

Theft of Papers Gives Strange Turn To Jersey Mystery

By JACK MILEY

BOUND BROOK, N. J., Aug. 6.—A trunk which is believed to contain partial records of the first Hall-Mills murder investigation early today was stolen from the home of the late Prosecutor Azariah Beekman at 118 Union Ave. here.

Witnesses asserted that a reporter for a morning newspaper which has been particularly active in the present investigation and another man took the trunk from the Beekman home. It was found two hours later at Dunellen, N. J., according to a report.

Warned of Theft

Newspaper men who were called to Bound Brook by their offices on a tip given out by Prosecutor Simpson declare the whole affair is so unusual and seems so well planned that it will bear considerable investigation.

The Simpson tip is said to have been given out yesterday afternoon. Newspaper men were warned to be at Bound Brook at midnight.

Consequently, a fleet of autos chartered by reporters appeared in Bound Brook at 11 p. m. last night. The newspaper men first went to police headquarters, where nothing could be learned. Later, at 1.07 a. m. today, they met a train



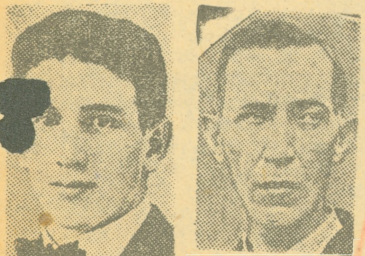
Mrs. Louisa Righl Barbara Tough

which arrived at Bound Brook from New York and accosted a reporter from a New York morning newspaper as he got off at the station.

Prosecutor Impersonated

Acting on information which the reporter gave, the newspaper men drove to the Beekman house, which is being renovated, and met Charles Newhouse, a friend of Beekman's, who lives across the street. Newhouse declared he had been called to the telephone at the Elk's Club earlier in the evening by a man who said he was the "prosecutor in the Hall-Mills case."

"I'm sending my men over to search the Beekman home," the voice said. "I hope you'll do your



Raymond Schneider James Mills

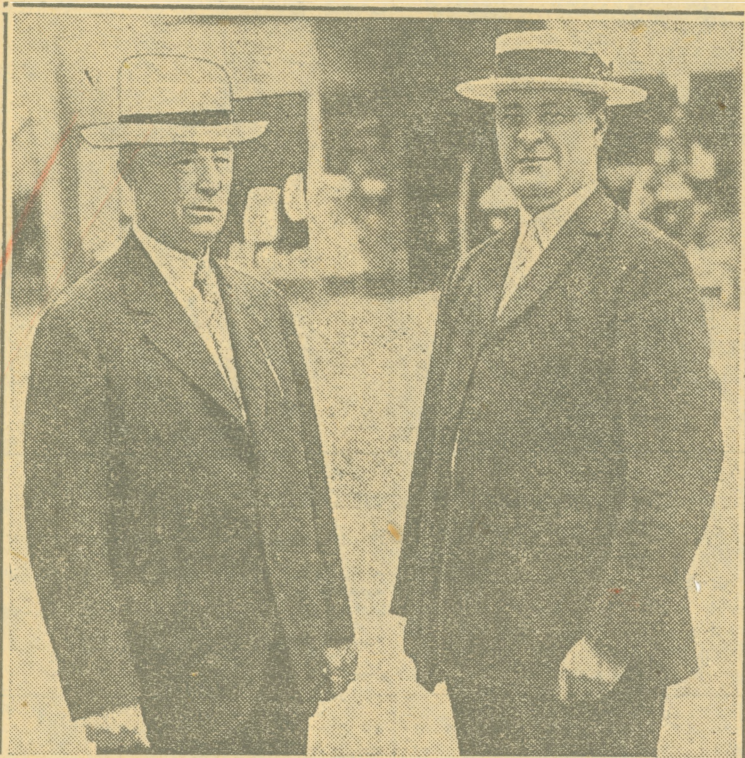
best to help me. Don't be alarmed when the men arrive."

Two hours later Newhouse was called again. The same voice said: "My men are going to be there any minute now. Help them along."

Newhouse said his suspicions were aroused by the last telephone call, and he asserted he hired two private detectives to accompany him to the Beekman home.

Azariah Beekman was the prosecutor in Somerset county at the time of the first Hall-Mills investi-

Hall Witnesses Grilled



INSPECTOR JOHN J. UNDERWOOD and ex-Chief Patrick Hayes of the Jersey City Police Department questioned several witnesses in the Hall-Mills case in their offices, obtaining information which may have an important bearing on the case. (Photo Graphic.)

Church Guardians Kill Mexicans, Says Report

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 6 (By U. P.).—Two employees of the Department of Agriculture were killed in Acambaro Monday by a group of Catholics guarding their parochial church against an expected attack by members of the schismatic church, according to a story brought here by a railroad employee.

Fire Built to Rouse Willie Stevens Fails to Click

Fireman Willie Stevens knows his fires. He doesn't bother with false alarms.

A group of ambitious photographers yesterday made a huge bonfire outside the Hall home, where Willie has kept himself aloof since the reopening of the murder mystery, hoping Willie would appear on the run.

Willie didn't answer the alarm. He remained within the secluded precincts of the Hall mansion on Nicol Avenue.

gation four years ago and he is believed to have had many important pieces of evidence and statements in his home at the time he died. Some of these were said to have been turned over to George Totten, who was chief of detectives at the initial inquiry. Totten denies this.

The Beekman home at present is being renovated. Newhouse said he entered the Beekman home with the detectives shortly after midnight. He asserted he saw two men tapping walls, examining floors and flashing searchlights in the darkened rooms.

When the men heard him, Newhouse declared they ran out the back door and drove away in a small car. Later, they returned and stole the trunk, it is believed. The robbery took place between midnight and 12.3 a. m., according to Newhouse's calculations.

Motive a Mystery

The motive for it is shrouded in mystery and the whole business

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Hall Clue Lays Murder To Angry Parishioners

By GRAPHIC Staff Correspondent

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 6.—That a committee of church people, overwrought by the intimacies of their minister, the Rev. E. W. Hall, and his pretty choir singer, Mrs. James Mills, may have been responsible for the slaying of the enamoured couple is being investigated today by aetec-tives for Special Prosecutor Simpson.

Words that will not be stilled point to a small group of members of the Church of St. John the Evangelist as the slayers, according to reports here. Their intentions at first were but to persuade Dr. Hall to end his love affairs with Mrs. Mills. They emphasized the necessity for abandoning the moonlight meetings with the silver-throated choir singer. Finally, in a frenzy of righteousness the crime was committed, it is said.

Investigators have as yet been unable to find Mrs. Minnie Clark, a member of Dr. Hall's congregation. She was as close to Dr. Hall as was Mrs. Mills and the fact of their sentimental relation is said to be an established one.

Often blocked in his attempts to break the silence of persons suspected to have knowledge of the

Criticize Simpson Method of Probe Into Mystery

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 6.—State Senator Alexander Simpson's method of investigating the Hall-

Mills murder mystery does not meet with the approval of this community, judging from an editorial printed in the Somerville Unionist-Gazette, under the heading "Bungled."

After stating that the cost of the investigation will fall upon the Somerset county taxpayers, who have already paid \$10,000 for its original probe four years ago, the editorial continues:—

"Senator Simpson opens his investigation. After an interview of half an hour with Prosecutor Bergen and a short talk with the Gibson woman at New Brunswick, by insinuating that officials have been corrupt, that the previous investigation was badly bungled and the declaration that at least three persons could be indicted.

"We agree with Gov. Moore that this murder mystery should be cleared up, but the spectacular methods of the past week, the effort to compromise the honest work of an official who is dead and of another who is absent from the state, until some one else has proved himself able to produce better results or, at least, has taken time to learn something about a mystery which has already baffled many minds, do not bring confidence to the public of this community."



Alex Simpson

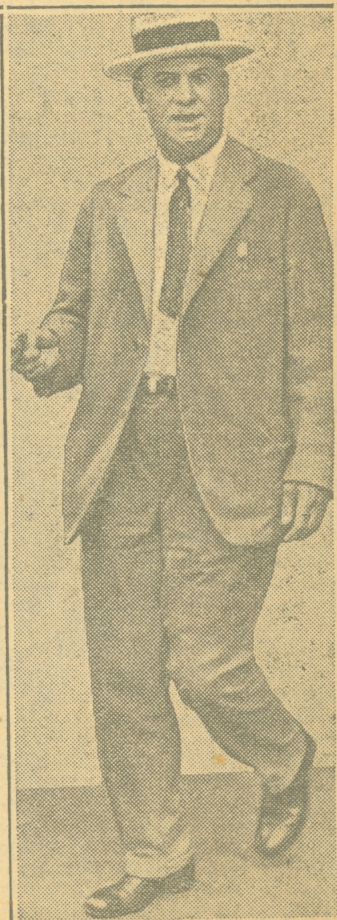


Mrs. Hall

Rev. Hall

killings, the special prosecutor has decided to begin grilling Willie Stephens, Mrs. Hall's eccentric brother, within twenty-four hours.

First Investigator



DETECTIVE FERD DAVID, who was the first investigator to reach the scene of the Hall-Mills murder, has been grilled by Prosecutor Simpson on his work.

Burglar Alarm Warns Police, Crooks Flee

Two men early today attempted to rob Steinberg & Co.'s cloak and suit store at 794 8th Ave.

They smashed a window in the rear, but a burglar alarm was set off. While patrolmen rushed to the place, the crooks escaped.

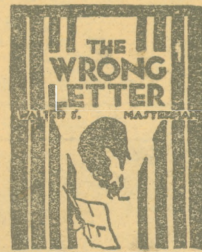
CROWN PRINCE LAUDS U. S. FOR INTELLECTUAL LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden, who, accompanied by Princess Louise, is on the way to Honolulu today, issued a statement giving his impressions gained on a month's tour of the country.

TOT KILLED BY FALL

Ida Hagmann, 5, of 21 South 12th St., College Point, was killed when she fell from a second-story window in her home.

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